

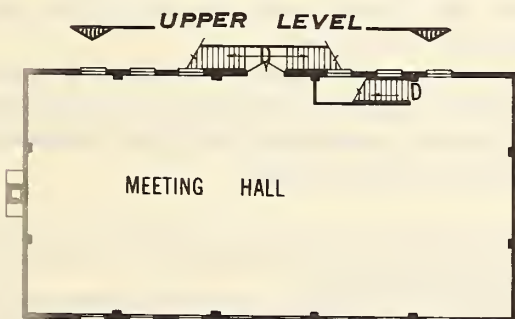
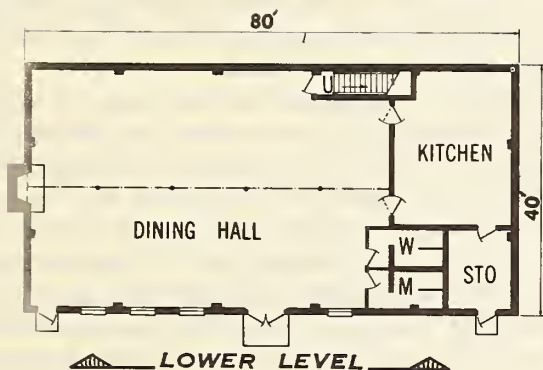
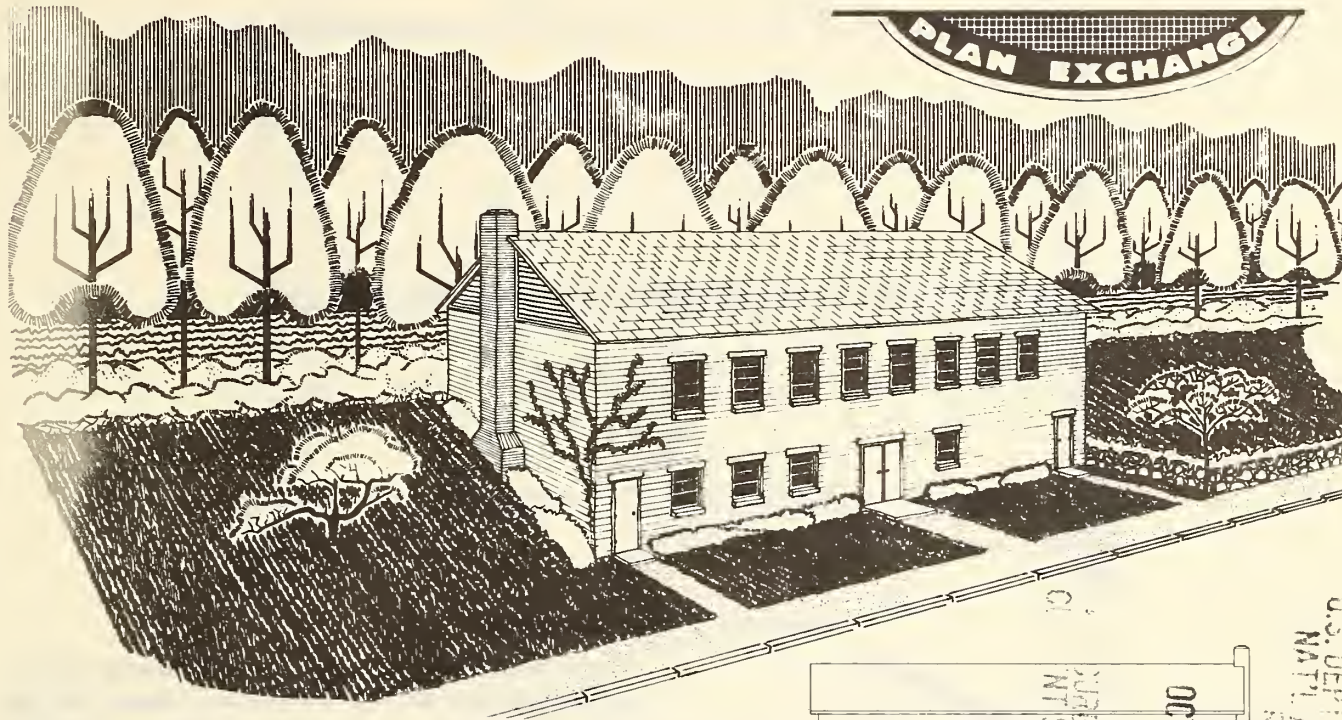
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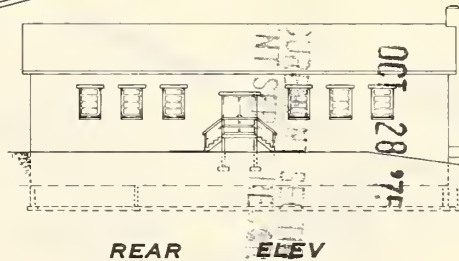
Community Building



Plan No. 6149



PLANS



This plan was developed to meet the needs of small communities, 4-H youth camps, and other organizations for a combination community hall/dining and meeting room facility which could be constructed with local and volunteer labor and materials.

The two-story design was used to make site selection easier so the building could be constructed, if desired, on sloping terrain with the second floor at rear ground level. If the building is placed on a level site, rear steps to the second story can be provided as indicated and windows added on the rear of the lower level.

Ceilings for both floors were kept fairly low to keep the total height of the building as low as possible. However, ceiling height allowance was made on the first floor for the addition of a suspended or other type ceiling as desired. The second floor would be used for meetings and assemblies. A ceiling height of 12 feet provides enough clearance to allow for a speaker's rostrum, platform, or stage.

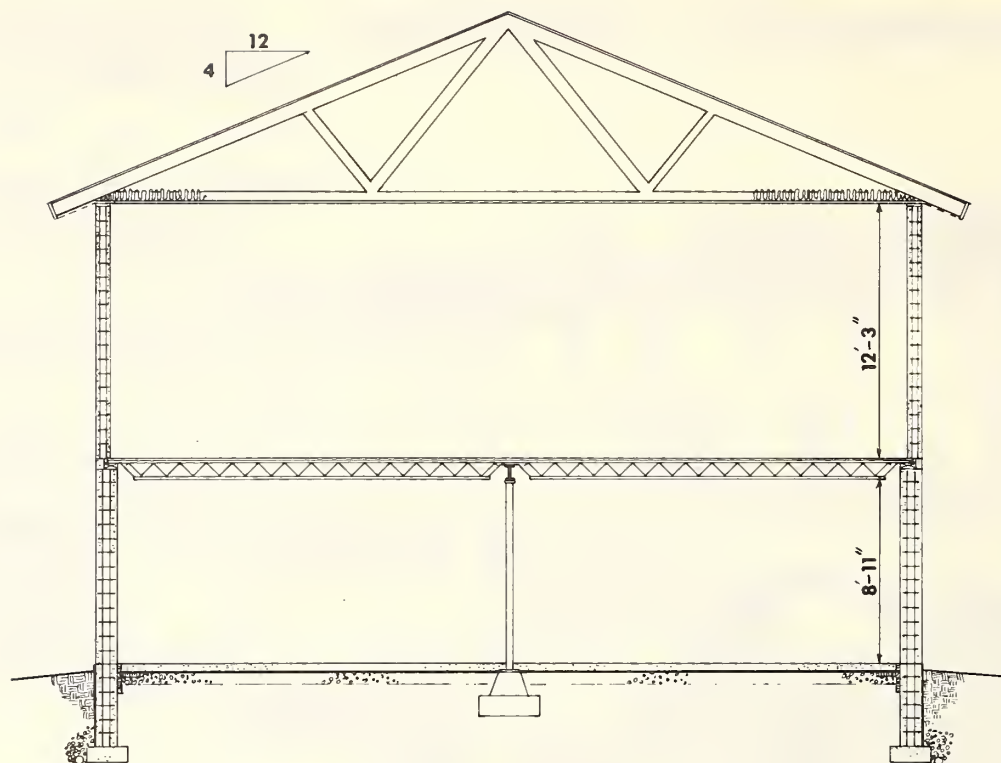
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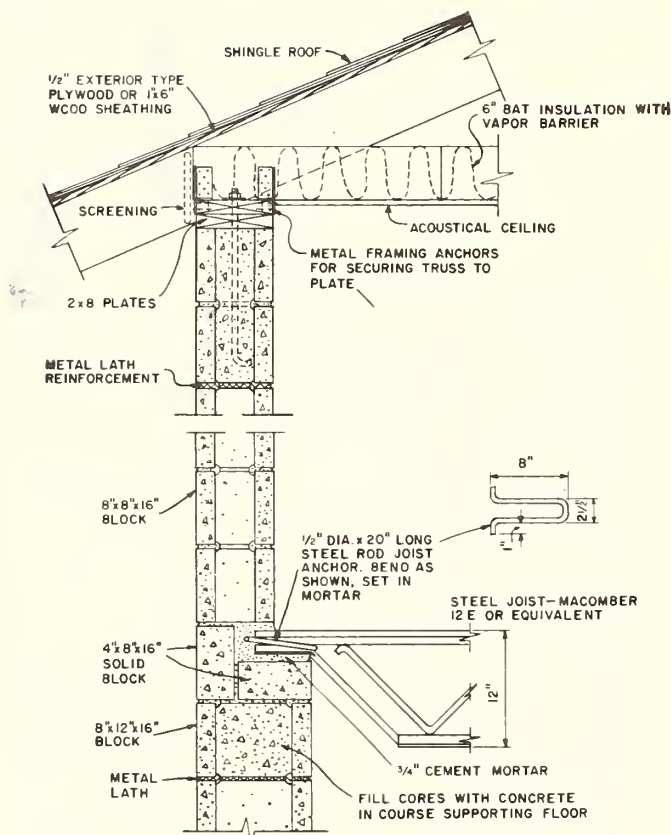
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SECTION THRU BUILDING



TYPICAL WALL SECTION

A suitable epoxy, or other type of masonry coating, is recommended for the walls—both interior and exterior—to provide a better looking building. Although wall insulation is not specified, it would be desirable if the facility is used year round.

The pilasters are placed on the inside for several reasons. If the building is on a slope, the rear wall will be partly underground and pilasters will provide more strength on the inside, waterproofing will be more easily applied on a smooth wall, and the outside appearance of the block building will be more attractive.

Both inside and outside entrances to the second floor are provided. Additional entrances can be added as desired. If the building is placed on a slope, the service area or storage room door may be on the front, for simplicity. This entrance could also be on the end, if the location or site permits.

Many uses could be made of the facility with slight modifications or additions. The halls can be divided into smaller areas by using folding partitions. Maintenance and upkeep should be minimal.

Complete working drawings may be obtained from the extension agricultural engineer at your State university. There may be a small charge to cover cost of printing.

If you do not know the location of your State university, send your request to Agricultural Engineer, Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. He will forward your request to the correct university.

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